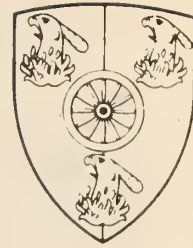




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Conestoga College, Kitchener, Ontario, Monday, April 16, 1984

College news in review

The second semester of 1983-84 at the Doon campus saw a number of significant issues raised.

Still to be resolved as far as students are concerned, is the transfer of teachers J.J. Huschilt and Frazer Cooper from the electronic engineering technology options. After the Feb. 17 transfer was announced, students organized a protest, circulated a petition, met with Tony Martinek, chairman of the department, and David Putt, director of the Doon and Cambridge campuses.

On March 26, Brett Carey, a representative of the affected students, presented a statement of their concerns to the board of governors. The board directed the operations committee to review the situation and prepare recommendations for the next meeting, April 30.

Tenders have been called and construction is due to begin shortly on the erection of the \$2.42 million Electrical Skills Development Centre in the northwest area of the campus. Employment and Immigration Minister John Roberts will officiate at the sod turning ceremony this month for the building.

In a disappointing voter turnout, Dan Randall and Rich Tryon were successful in their bid for the positions of president and vice-president of the Doon Student Association. Randall and Tryon, who presented a platform of student involvement, defeated Randy Smith and Ken Wilson, who campaigned on a program of an effective and representative association.

Kenneth Hunter, who was seconded to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities for two-and-a-half years, returns to Conestoga May 16 as president of the college. Hunter will take over from Joseph Martin who has been appointed director of development at the college.

Chairman resigns

The resignation of Mary E. Hofstetter, chairman of applied arts and business, and associate director at the Doon campus, was announced April 12.

Hofstetter, who has been associated with Conestoga College in various capacities since 1974, has accepted the position of vice-president, academic, at Mohawk College in Hamilton, effective July 1. She will be based at the Fennel campus.

The announcement was made by President Joseph Martin and David Putt, director of the Doon and Cambridge campuses.

Six new courses offered

Six new programs will be offered by Conestoga College in September at the Doon, Guelph, and Waterloo campuses.

At the Doon campus, two, three year mechanical engineering technology courses, one in design and analysis and another in automated manufacturing will be offered. Two, one year mechanical engineering technical courses, one in numerical control manufacturing systems and one in design drafting will also be offered at Doon.

These new courses which all make use of the CAD/CAM system will replace the mechanical engineering technology, mechanical engineering technician-drafting and numeric/control machine tool programmer courses at Doon.

At the Guelph campus, a one-year construction techniques program will be offered. Kenneth Snyder, chairman of programs at the campus said the new course will train 20 students in hand skills as well as business and supervisory abilities.

Snyder said the course will increase the academic level of the carpenter as a supervisor in the construction of malls and small plants.

He also said that a survey taken of some small area plants found that there was a need for such qualified carpenters.

The final course offered at the Waterloo campus is an office systems administration course. The two year program will teach students to work in an integrated electronic office.



Tony DaSilva and Shelly Wonch display their awards following the 15th Annual Doon Student Association and Athletic Awards banquet April 12.

College honors achievements

Despite some technical difficulties and a restless crowd, the honors were finally handed out at the 15th Annual Doon Student Association (DSA) and Athletic Awards Banquet held at the Transylvania Club on Thursday, April 12.

Bob Neath, manager of athletics, was master of ceremonies for the banquet which was highlighted by the presentation of the Al Logan Award.

The award, in memory of Al Logan, a counsellor for 13 years at the college, who died in 1981, recognizes a student who exhibits the qualities of caring and loving. It was presented by Logan's son David to Robert Mitchell for his help in tutoring and his overall interest in helping his fellow students.

One of the big winners of the night was Tony DaSilva who received an armful of awards including male Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive year.

"It's a great honor to win the award a second time around," he said. "I'm excited, especially when there were so many good athletes who deserved the award."

Another multiple winner was Shelly Wonch who won the female Athlete of the Year award. "I didn't expect to win," she said. "I don't play sports to win but I just like to play them."

Jack Hutcheson, a business teacher, received a special award, honoring him for 15 years of service in Conestoga's athletic department and the DSA. Hutcheson, who coached Conestoga's varsity golf team, will retire this year and will work with the Ontario Golf Association.

The DSA handed out a number of awards including large plaques to Jacqueline Matthews, Norm Bertrand, Shelley Nissen, Brenda Beattie, Dave D'Aguilar and Paul But-

tinger.

The student association also handed out scrolls and certificates of recognition to students who have made significant contributions to the college.

The well-attended banquet was marred not only by a malfunctioning microphone but also by the absence of Jeff Hutcheson, a Kitchener radio and television sports broadcaster who was to be the keynote speaker at the banquet. Hutcheson notified Dan Young, co-ordinator of athletics, Tuesday, that he would be unable to attend the event.

Joseph Martin, president of the college, who was also a presenter at the banquet, summed up the evening by saying that the large turnout was typical of the feeling of the college. He added the awards ceremony was not concerned totally with winning but also with the students' effort, ambition and participation.

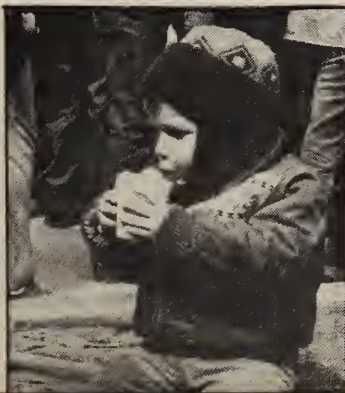
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Spring graduation

Conestoga College graduates for 1984 will be receiving their diplomas at the Sixteenth Spring Convocation to be held at the Conestoga Centre Saturday, June 16.

At 10 a.m. there will be a ceremony for business and health services graduates followed by a 2 p.m. ceremony for applied arts and technology graduates.

Kenneth E. Hunter, returning president of Conestoga College will deliver the convocation address.

Brenda Fischer, one the organizers of the convocation said that an informal reception will be held at the Doon campus following the convocation.

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Who exactly is deserving?

The Academy Awards presented last Monday concluded this year's bout of presentations to all those deserving candidates in the acting profession. But, how valid are the Oscars when the industry is glutted with awards which extend praise to films, directors and actors?

Throughout the years, Oscar has always been the highest award obtainable for those seeking recognition in their trade, but certainly a Genie, Emmy, ACTRA or even People's Choice will suffice when the going gets tough.

And the list continues with the New York Film Critics Circle presented prior to the American Academy Awards and serving as a guide for Oscars. And don't forget the National Board of Review Awards, the British Academy Awards or the many film festival awards.

Nobody can deny that the awards have become superfluous. An industry which once bestowed honor upon deserving entertainers, producers and directors, has found a way to credit almost every film one way or another.

The Academy Awards have become a form of entertainment in themselves and the public shouldn't be surprised in the future to see awards bestowed upon the best awards presentation.

Settling an outstanding debt

There has been considerable discussion in recent weeks of compensation for victims of wrongful internment.

Donald Marshall was convicted of murder in 1971, served 11 years in prison and then was acquitted late last year by the Nova Scotia Supreme Court when new evidence was presented.

Last week, the Nova Scotia government granted Marshall \$25,000 as partial compensation with the possibility that further payment will be recommended when an investigation into the matter is complete.

A sum of \$25,000 seems rather meagre recompense for 11 years of one's life. It doesn't even begin to cover the legal expenses Marshall incurred proving his innocence. But there is no amount of money that can ever compensate for the loss of self-esteem and the burden of frustration Marshall has suffered. He is owed a debt that cannot be repayed.

Jacqueline's goodbye

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone; students, administration, staff and faculty for the support they have given the 1983-84 Doon Student Association Executive.

I realize the vast majority of students do not know or care who and what the DSA is but steps are always being taken to rectify this situation. However, we have found students always knows who we are when a crisis occurs.

I would like to extend personal thanks to our excellent treasurer, Shelley, who kept us within our budget, Paul, who brought in bigger, well-known bands and Dave, who kept them running smoothly. Thanks also to Brenda, our most efficient secretary, for keeping me and the DSA organized; Norm, who was always there; Janelle, for all our activities and Phil, who controlled our internal finances. The DSA withstood the problems and continued full-

blast throughout the year.

I must also mention the board of directors, pub staff, pub security, Spoke staff and many other individuals who supported us during the year.

I have enjoyed my year as President and have learned from both positive and negative experiences. I've worked with many people. I've had the opportunity to see other colleges and meet other college presidents province-wide.

I've learned how to solve regional problems, share ideas, and know how much true friendship really means to one in an executive position.

I wish the best to Dan and Rich in their positions on the DSA, as well as the other new executive members.

It has been a year I will always remember. To Dan and Rich, remember, if a team isn't willing to work as a team, it's a hard struggle.

Thanks, Conestoga College.
Jacqueline Mathews
Out-going President

CHESTER

YOUR FINAL EXAM HAS BEEN CHANGED TO NEXT THURSDAY.



YOU CAN'T! THATS WHEN OUR END OF THE YEAR BAR-B-Q AND PARTY IS!



PRIORITIES, BOYS PRIORITIES!



PARTY? PARTY!



Question of The Week

What are your summer plans ?

"Go to London when I'm finished school and hopefully get full-time employment." Greta Layland

"Work at the Dairy Queen." Bridget Babineau

"Well... I like to take pictures and maybe I might go on holiday to Vegas or Japan ... I'm not sure." Dave Kondo, photography.

"Work full-time and then look for a job in September. I graduate this year from ECE so hopefully, I'll get a job in this field." Sue Gubesch

"I'm going to go to Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Shaw Festival and also I'm going to paint the outside of my house. I get two weeks off." Cathy Potvin, librarian

"I would like to get a job but that is doubtful. I'm actually thinking of going out west but that's just a thought." Brian Schmidt, 1st year marketing

"Hopefully, find a job. There are not many in our field so whatever we can get, really. Also, I may join the Cambridge ladies slow pitch baseball team." Liz Fernandes, law and security administration, 2nd year

"Catch a good buzz." Cathy Bernhardt, law and security administration, 2nd year

"Work at the Waterloo Region Police Club. It's like a recreation centre. I'll be working as a groundskeeper." Pete Kingston, 1st year marketing

"Let's see... I plan to work at J.M. Schneider in maintenance and I'm also running my own pool cleaning company." Jim Knapp, 2nd year business management

"I'm going on a trip for the month of July to the west coast, motoring through Canada and coming back through the northern states. I'm going with my two children." Myrna Nicholas, counselling office

"Make a lot of money by working I hope. I want to have fun and forget about school for four months." Helen Raposo, 1st year business accounting

"I plan to work full-time at Schneiders in stock. It's a distribution job." Tim Brown, 1st year business administration-marketing

"If I don't have a job, I'm going back to Sauble beach to work in a hamburger stand." Kathy Lece, legal secretary program

"Find a job and if I can't find a job, I'm going to enjoy the summer." Shelley Nissen, 3rd year accounting

"Work and get away from school for four months, travelling and camping." Sam Pace, 2nd year electronic technology

"My plans include such highlights as working on my tan, finding and keeping meaningful employment and finding the best place to dance in town." Murray O'Callaghan, 3rd year broadcasting

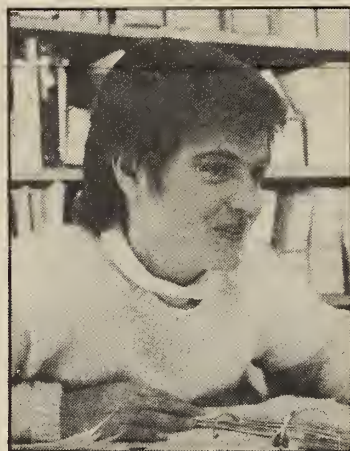
"Get away from me." Dave Scott, journalism



Myrna Nicholas



Murray O'Callaghan



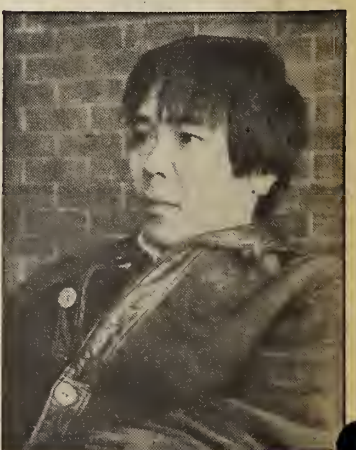
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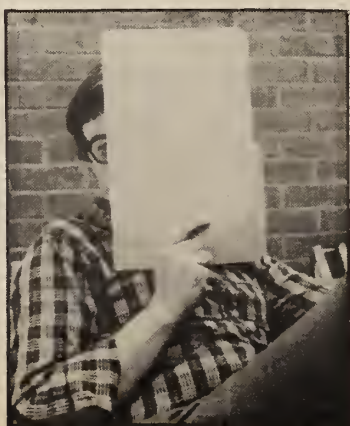
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Cathy Bernhardt



Dave Kondo



Dave Scott



Jim Knapp



Greta Layland



Spoke/Tricia Hermitage

Randy trades quips with ventriloquist, Paul Booker

Randy's no dummy

Don't call Randy a dummy. After seven years with Paul Booker, Randy has developed an impressive vocabulary, a quick wit and a sense of timing that is enviable - for a puppet.

With his unruly, carrot-colored hair over a Howdy Doody face without the freckles, Randy perches on Booker's knee and grins impishly.

"Swimming, that's a good, clean sport," says Randy.

"Do you know how to swim?" asks Booker.

"No, I never learned. I might get my hair wet and then I couldn't control it," answers Randy, shaking the orange mop.

The key to successful ventriloquism said Booker, is making the figure seem alive. The audience's attention is directed to the puppet whose head is constantly in motion even when its mouth isn't.

"It's an illusion," said Booker, "strictly an illusion."

Booker began practising ventriloquism while an assistant director at a summer camp. He found Randy abandoned in a storage shed and together, they began entertaining at the evening campfires. Later, a 60-lesson correspondence course in ventriloquism provided Booker with more knowledge but perfecting the technique has been the result of endless practice. For several years, he and Randy continued to perform to limited audiences at summer camps and church groups.

When Booker, who is also a

high school teacher and draftsman, and his family moved to Elmira three years ago, he decided it was time for Randy to carry his share of the load.

"He couldn't get a home on his own. He needed some help, so he called on me," quipped Randy.

The pair performs an average of once weekly, usually for sports clubs, church groups and youth organizations. They have also demonstrated ventriloquism as a teaching device at a convention and they are available to entertain at birthday parties and other social gatherings.

They have a number of routines which can be adapted to suit any group. Material comes from various sources; family, friends and commercially prepared dialogues.

While Booker admitted to some nervousness before an audience (Randy won't), he said his experience as a teacher and his involvement with church ministry help to overcome this difficulty.

"After the first few minutes, you are so intent on what you are doing, you forget about being nervous."

Booker laughed at the suggestion that Randy may have become his alter ego.

"I hope not," he said. "Randy is oft times very rude. He has a Dennis the Menace character. I suppose that part is in each of us but we learn to control it."

Randy, as is probably always the case, had the last word, "I don't see anything wrong with my character."

Canrailpass has a hitch

The youth Canrailpass is not as big a bargain as the advertisement would lead one to believe. The joint effort between Transport Canada and the VIA Rail program has a catch not mentioned in the brochure: reservations must be secured on most trains except those in the Windsor corridor.

"If the train is full they would be informed that they can wait for the next train or stand until there is a seat," said Brian Heath manager of

public relations for VIA.

A Canrailpass for a 30 day period during July or August, for youths 14 to 22, for unlimited travel across Canada is \$325. That is cheap when compared to a return fare ticket to Calgary which is \$356.

Canrailpass holders should plan an itinerary and book well in advance. "There are quite a number of seats reserved to Montreal and Quebec city," said Heath. "They should plan ahead."

A stranger in Canada

When one enters a foreign country where he doesn't know anyone and cannot speak the language he has to adapt to many changes. The students who are studying the English as Second Language course at the Waterloo campus found themselves in such a situation.

The 24-week class taught by Carol Trotter is comprised of students from all over the world who are learning English so that they can adapt to life in Canada. Today, they have all adjusted quite well but they still remember the problems they encountered along the way.

Some like Carlos of El Salvador ran into difficulty immediately after arriving at a Canadian airport. He couldn't speak English so when he lost his luggage it took him three hours to get it back.

Communication was a major problem for all the students in the class because of the language barrier, but they learned to overcome it. Karin of West Germany said that she used hand gestures a great deal to talk with Canadians.

Florian, a Polish Roman Catholic priest had a unique problem with communication. He was working at Sacred Heart parish in Kitchener, performing masses in Polish but he also had to preach in English. He therefore had to translate all of his sermons into English.

For some, shopping was not the simple task it used to be in their homeland. Karin found

the small change in Canadian currency unusual and difficult to manage. Sulaimen of Oman (a small mid-east country) said that he was confused by the different North American brand names on the supermarket shelves. He didn't know which was the better brand and today he still shops for the best by trial and error.

The students in the language class also adjusted to the many cultural differences between their homeland and Canada. Sulaimen found he had problems with clothing. In Oman, the body is considered sacred and the people always wear long robe-like garments. He had to get used to the cut-off jeans and T-shirts worn by Canadians but he still finds them obscene. He said he was embarrassed one day, when his roommate began undressing in front of him. In Oman, such things are to be done in private and not in front of everyone else.

Education was also an area of contrast for the students. All of them said that Canadian school teachers were more sociable than their foreign counterparts. Most said that in their home countries the students must stand or raise their hand when giving an answer. Hong of South Vietnam said that in her country the students must stand when the teacher enters the classroom.

The two West German women in the class, Ursula and Karin both valued the clean air in Canada. They said that in West Germany the

pollution was so bad that they had to wash their windows once a week.

Sulaimen said that the Canadian justice system is too lenient. In Oman when you are caught for stealing your hand is cut off. A citizen could be put in jail forever and forgotten by his family if he disobeyed the government. Sulaimen thinks Canada should also have such stiff penalties because they have cut down the crime in Oman considerably.

Ursula disliked Canadian television saying it is of poor quality except for a few children's programs such as Sesame Street. She also said that she hates having commercials slated within the television program and not at the beginning as they have in Germany. She said if they ran them all at the beginning they wouldn't disturb the viewer.

Despite these criticisms, the students have all enjoyed Canadian life. Teiko of Japan said that Canadians are friendly and helpful.

Florian likes the freedom he has here.

Sultan thinks Canada has an excellent educational system and good technology.

The students in the English as a Second Language class appear well on their way in the course. Carol Trotter said that each student will be writing a test of English fluency when he is finished.

Who knows, some of them may have become so Canadian that there may even be a few 'ehs' in their conversations.

The making of a journalist

by Herman Janssen

Most of us knew that we had some talent when we were children. We were the first youngsters in our kindergarten class who could perfectly scrawl our names in crayon as if we were practising for premature bylines. Our mothers became accustomed to scrubbing our penciled attempts at literature from not only the bathroom wall, but also the floor, cupboard, and dinner table. For us, alphabet cereals and spaghetti were more than a mouthful of nourishment. They were our introduction to a delicious and amusing group of letters which could be arranged to spell anything.

As we grew older, our hunger for words increased. We overdosed on Dr. Seuss, Mother Goose and the Tales of Narnia. We anxiously awaited spelling bees, hoping that we would be asked to spell 'stomach' or 'tongue' because we had studied them the night before. We were the children who enjoyed scribbling accounts of our summer vacations, or our cherished heroes in creative writing class.

For many of us, poetry became a new outlet for expression even if the lines didn't rhyme quite right. Valentine's Day was a highlight of the year because we always came up with a clever verse for our sweetheart's card.

As we entered puberty not only our bodies grew but so did our lust for literature. We

threw aside our Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew for Hemingway, Steinbeck and Tolkien and the bathroom became our favorite private spot for reading the daily newspaper.

Such perusals sparked some of us to contemplate journalism as a career. We idolized Art Buchwald, Bernstein and Woodward and dreamed of possessing the back page of Maclean's like Allan Fotheringham. We even admired those nameless men who dodged the bullets in Lebanon while Knowlton Nash safely introduced their story from the CBC studio. Their adventure was our calling.

Then we enrolled in the journalism course at Conestoga College and had a glimpse of the reporter's life. Our first year and a half was spent acquiring basic skills. We learned the location of all the typewriter keys and punched them automatically as if we were flicking off a light switch at home. We fussed in the darkroom with photographs that would never grace the pages of Life magazine or even our own photo albums for that matter. We learned style, form and the famous KISS (Keep It Simple Stupid) Principle in our writing. Following this education, we began our four month stint at Spoke and became apprentice journalists.

We were all gung-ho about Spoke when we started. It was going to be the best paper since the Burford Advance.

The first day's excitement was subdued by the end of the week when we realized the hard work involved in putting out the publication.

We learned to dread many things; nine o'clock meetings with the editor, Tuesday morning deadlines for stories and the absence of articles to replace an ad that had been pulled from the paper at the last minute. We feared the editor's pen which at times was like a sword slashing through our copy. But like a bruised football player we learned from our mistakes.

During the first few weeks on Spoke, we treasured seeing our work in print and if we received a byline we behaved like glory-seeking actors catching their names on a lighted marquee. We brought home stacks of Spoke to show friends and family the stories of which we were so proud.

The staff of Spoke worked as a team. When it came to spelling and grammar we were like Jewish scholars refuting and emending the Talmud with their commentaries. But we had our own bibles; thesaurus, dictionary, CP Style, and Caps and Spelling, to support our arguments.

Spoke reporters went in search of the perfect photograph and prayed that no criminology student would stumble into the processing room while they were making that important negative. They also hunted down stories given

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M M M M M M M M M M Maple syrup

There was enough maple syrup to satisfy every sweet tooth in town and the 20th Elmira Maple Syrup Festival was bigger and better than ever.

Hordes of people crowded into the cordoned off area of the main business district of Elmira and lined up for pancakes smothered in maple syrup, barbecued chicken, sausage on a bun, and home-made pies, cakes, and maple sugar candy.

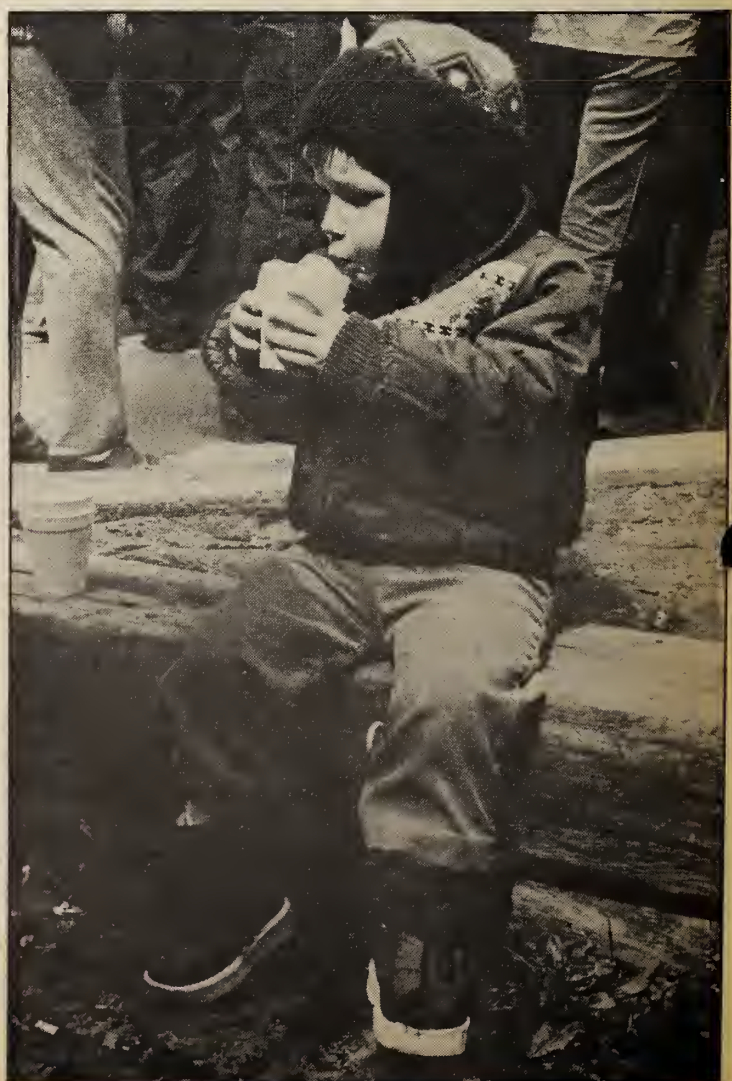
After everyone had their fill of goodies they could take a short tour of a local sugar bush or a two hour tour of the countryside.

For those who chose to stay in town they could wear off some of the calories by participating in a log cutting contest.

Transportation included everything from wagons drawn by Clydesdale horses with newly polished harness, to huge, glistening chartered buses.

Ontario's oldest maple syrup festival has grown steadily and this year there was an estimated crowd of 100,000.

Audrey Wicken





Malcolm Burn, vocalist for the Boys Brigade, leads the band in a unique, highly enthusiastic sound proving to be a greater than great pub.



The Grotty beats put on a lively performance in January using Beatles and their own material.

Activities galore!

A look at the year's pubs

This year's El Condor pubs offered students quite a mixed bag of entertainment, some good, some bad.

The pubs gave students a chance to see bands at a fraction of the cost of seeing them elsewhere.

"We spent nearly \$7,000 on entertainment alone," said Entertainment Co-ordinator, Paul Buttinger.

Buttinger claims that, in general terms, "We got our money's worth."

Buttinger's duty is to hire the bands that the students want to see. It is also important that the student can afford to see the band. This year has definitely had its highs and lows for Buttinger.

Buttinger paid high prices for bands that he believed were of high quality. Bands such as Coney Hatch, Boys Brigade and the Spoons came through with fine perfor-

mances. On the other hand, Corey Hart and Glider were very disappointing.

Congratulations must be given to Buttinger for his decision to space pubs two weeks apart. By scheduling pubs only twice a month, Buttinger felt students would have a chance to replenish their funds.

Buttinger felt his excitement often wasn't shared by the students. "I get really excited about a show," he explained. "It is frustrating because the same excitement doesn't seem to get passed on to the students."

Contrary to Buttinger's beliefs, students were excited if there was something to be excited about.

Boys Brigade, Spoons and especially Coney Hatch had the crowd going from the opening numbers. Grottybeats and Colored Edges also put on

good shows.

As for getting Corey Hart to play at the pub, it was a mistake. Hart did not win any fans that night. He simply took the money and ran.

His warm-up band, the Dice, a Waterloo group, stole the show from Hart and took the Condor award for most promising group.

According to Buttinger, the best shows were Boys Brigade, Room of Fools and the Spoons. He claims these were the groups that generated the most enthusiasm.

Although these three groups all put on fine shows, Coney Hatch was the El Condor concert of the year. Despite the fact their music attracted mainly a male audience, the energy was there.

Buttinger will remain co-ordinator next year and will continue to bring in good entertainment.

Daytime boredom

When a flu bug or some kind of illness causes one to take a few days off, there isn't a lot you can do to keep busy. Furthermore, the selection of shows on daytime TV is enough to land a person in the emergency ward of a mental hospital.

If you can drag your aching body from bed by 9:00 a.m. an overweight, aging Ed Allen, will nauseate even the healthiest person to death with his half-hour program of leg-lifting and rear-end tightening fitness. In fact, there are a total of three exercise shows on at 9:00 a.m.

If exercise isn't your cup of tea, one can tune into Romper Room, Sesame Street or Hour Magazine. Hour Magazine would get top votes among these three, but still, the prospect of listening to Gary Collin's voice for an hour is enough incentive to make anyone flip to Channel 23 where you can catch today's temperatures in Paris, Berlin, London and Stockholm.

Jimmy Swaggert appears on 47, but this is too much indeed, this early on a Monday morning is not the ideal time to repent for one's sins.

The best choice for this time slot is Donahue, which appears on Channels 7, 10 and 57. Phil Donahue can make even the most boring topic seem interesting.

At 9:30, things don't look much better. Mad Dash, 100 Huntley Street, What's Cooking and The Waltons can only induce most people into vacuuming the rug or washing their hair. Mind you, at 9:45 on Channel 5, The Friendly Giant can lift anyone's spirit, Rusty the Rooster and Jerome the Giraffe are a real God send at this point.

At 10:00 things really pick up. You can catch repeats of The Facts of Life, a story about five highschool girls of different ethnic backgrounds and their housemother who fires one liners back and forth so fast, Johnny Walters of Trivia Company looks good. Or if you missed it at 9:00 —

Hour Magazine is on once again.

10:30 has a line-up of shows dedicated to that portion of the population with an IQ of less than 30. You can watch Do It For Yourself which is an educational program for those of you who need to winterize your philodendron. Or, my favorite, Mr. Dressup. I never tire of watching a grown man discussing cut and paste games with a couple of really dense puppets — one of which can't speak.

Your best bet at this time is the ancient re-runs of I Love Lucy. If you enjoy watching two adults behaving like children, this one's for you.

The only amusing show on at 11:00 is of course The House of Commons on Channel 14, once again a bunch of adults behaving like children.

If you are a late sleeper, 11:15 brings to the TV audience a repeat performance of The Friendly Giant.

A little more variety is available at 11:30, when Laverne and Shirley, My Three Sons and That's Life appear on TV. That's Life on Channel 6 is, of course, the logical pick. At least Ann Rohmer won't treat the audience like a room full of two year olds.

If you are thinking of doing laundry, housework or cleaning your toilet, do it at noon. A dreadful line-up of cartoons is on at 12:00. The Flintstones, Charlie Brown and Snoopy, Alvin and The Chipmunks, Batman and Robin and The Green Hornet are there only to harass you. Of course if you are thinking of suicide, tune in.

From 12:30 to 5:00 there is a mind-boggling total of 13 dreary, tear-jerking soap operas. If you like to see rich people with problems ranging in variety from valium addiction to impotency, you'll be set for the duration of the afternoon.

Of course all this garbage that is available to the TV audience everyday is a sure fire remedy to get even the sickest persons back on their feet immediately.

Musical lift with Nena

Germany's hottest pop phenomenon, Nena, has hit the top 20 on music charts in Canada and the United States with its debut album 99 Luftballons.

The band is composed of lead vocalist Nena Kerner, drummer Rolf Bendel, guitarist Carlo Karges, bassist Jurgen Dehmel and Uwe Fahrenkrog on keyboards. Nena, the 23-year-old woman and the four piece band of the same name are Germany's newest sensation. Their first German LP has sold nearly one million copies in their homeland and has gone platinum in Austria, Switzerland and Holland.

99 Luftballons, (99 Red Balloons), an anti-war slanted German language single, performed by the five-member band is taking the American and Canadian music industry by storm.

The hit single, moved to the number two spot on Canada's

weekly pop charts last week. The idea for the song occurred to Karges last year at a Rolling Stones concert in Berlin, where at the end of the show a lot of balloons were released into the air. Karges wondered what would happen if they floated over to the Communist side of Berlin. The possible result as depicted in the song and video is a world war.

Their U.S. debut album — 99 Luftballons, is a combination of songs from their first German album, some redone in English and new material just released from their second German LP titled? ("question mark").

If you don't mind not understanding the lyrics to the songs, Nena has a good variety of danceable music. Kerner's seductive vocals, the highlight of the album, have been the deciding factor for 99 Luftballons' rise to the top.

Local politician

Once the leadership campaign is over in June and one of the candidates has been chosen to replace Pierre Trudeau, the Liberal party, whose mandate is quickly running out, will call an election. Political observers are suggesting the most probable date will be either in August or November to avoid conflict with the Canadian visits of the Queen and the Pope in July and September respectively.

John Reimer, the Conservative candidate in the Kitchener riding, contemplating the first possibility, said, "By June the first, I have to be ready to begin the campaign."

His key people, campaign manager, official agent and treasurer, are all in place and the remainder of the 750 to 800 people who will work on his behalf, including a canvas organization of 500, will be brought together soon.

But planning ahead for an

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to them by their contacts hoping that they wouldn't run into that dead end - the no comment. When not met with this, they might suffer the worse punishment of being directed to useless sources for information.

Despite these problems, we got the hang of the job and it was all worthwhile when we saw a Conestoga student reaching into the Spoke newspaper box for a copy of our work. It was even better when we received some feedback.

But spring is here and with the new season comes a new staff at Spoke. We must all leave the office and head for our work-terms, where most of us will find ourselves working at other prestigious journals. We hope that we are ready for the job and that our real-life editors will think our copy is good enough for a newspaper and not the garbage can.

election demands other considerations and concessions. Both as a father and as a teacher in the humanities and social sciences department at the Doon campus, Reimer must make contingency plans to ensure a smooth transition in these areas if he wins the Kitchener seat in the next parliament.

In 1979, as a member of Joe Clark's brief minority government, Reimer moved with his family to Ottawa. This time if he is elected, his plans are different.

"No, I wouldn't move. I did last time but my daughter is in high school now. That's hard for her. I would commute."

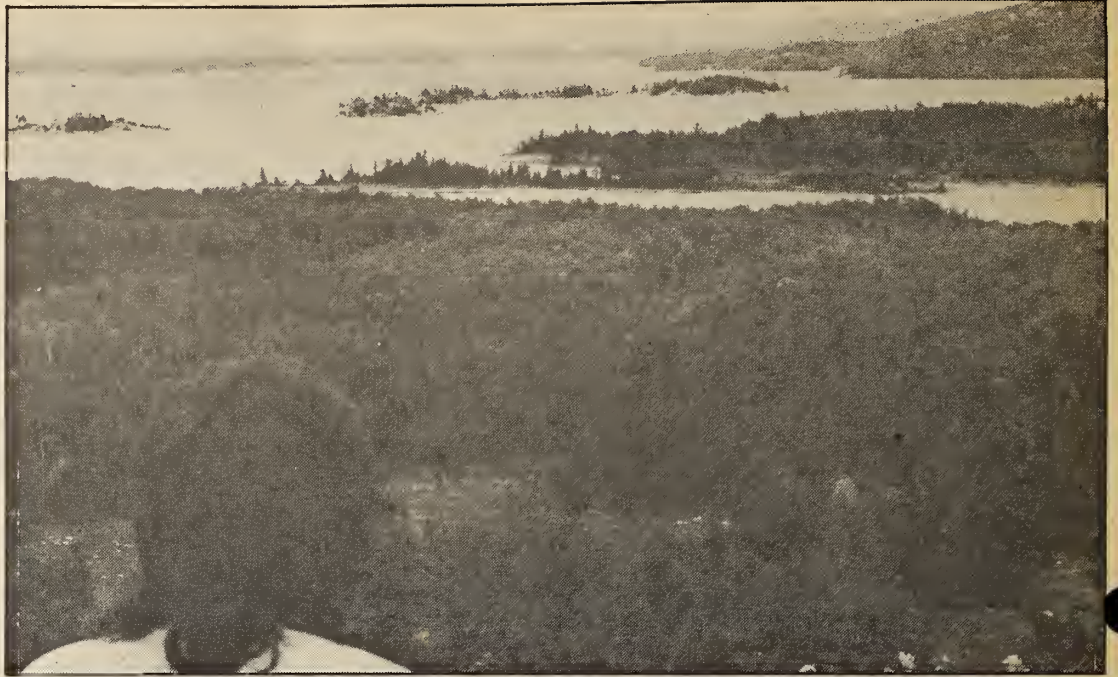
Although he admits it is difficult to be separated from his family, "You manage," said Reimer. "But a married person should never do this unless the family is willing to cope with the situation. Mary (his wife) is really supportive."

In the event Reimer wins an election held in August, he will resign his position at the college and someone will be hired to take his place. However, should the election be later in the year, after the term has begun, it is likely a graduate student would complete the teaching assignment for him.

Speculating on the outcome of the Liberal leadership campaign, Reimer suggested that while John Turner is ahead in the polls, now, "I think Jean Chretien might win in June and he'll win because he is a good, honest, hard-working Liberal. No question about that."

"I think it would be harder for me as a candidate in Kitchener against John Turner than Jean Chretien (as leader). Jean Chretien is a part of the past 15 years, a part of the record and I don't like that record. With John Turner, — is he a Liberal or isn't he? Is he a part of the past or isn't he?"

With the Conservatives wearing a new image under Brian Mulroney and leading in the polls, John Reimer waits for the Liberals to call an election.



The North Channel is dotted with picturesque islands. On a clear day the bluffs of Killarney are visible.

Manitoulin Island

A hinterland of beauty

Audrey Wicken

If you stay on Highway 6 North, you can't miss it. Of course there is a little gap between Tobermory, at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula, and South Baymouth, on the island, (a one-and-a-half hour ferry ride.)

Manitoulin Island, the largest fresh water island in the world, snuggles the north shore of Lake Huron and practically fills the mouth of Georgian Bay.

The Chi Cheemaun (Ojibwe for big canoe) drops you at South Baymouth. Highway 6 runs due north and will take you to the Trans-Canada Highway at Espanola where an east turn takes you to Sudbury and around Georgian Bay or a west turn will take you to Sault Ste Marie.

Travellers have missed the beauty of Manitoulin Island by following their maps too closely and taking the one-hour tour of the island. They often just drive past the village of Manitowaning and miss one of the most spectacular bays. At sunset, Manitowaning Bay mirrors the sky. Long-legged, blue herons line the west end of the marsh and jumping fish send ripples across the tranquil water.

They take a fleeting glance at Ten Mile Point and miss the majestic white bluffs of Killarney which are visible across the North Channel.

If they have time, they take

a couple of pictures of Batman's grist mill at Sheguian-dah and speed past Little Current, the island's largest town where sailing vessels and cruisers that have been exploring the North Channel dock.

The CN swing bridge takes them off Manitoulin to Goat Island. As they hurry on their way through Great Cloche Island and the La Cloche Mountains to meet the highway, they have missed the essence of Manitoulin Island.

Manitou Miniss means Island of the Great Spirit and was named by the Indians long before the white man arrived. Manitou Miniss or Manitoulin Island is a sacred place to the Ottawa and Ojibwe Indians. They came to the island to be close to God.

Whether you camp, stay at motels, travel by motor home, or stay at one of the many lodges on the American plan, Manitoulin is waiting to be explored.

Providence Bay offers white sand dunes along the island's southern Lake Huron shore, and is an ideal place for the younger crowd to meet.

At the intersection of Highway 540 and Bidwell Road is the scenic Cup and Saucer Trail. Clearly marked trails enable you to enjoy the last part of the Niagara Escarpment. The climb is worthwhile on a clear day when you can see for 25 miles over forests and lakes.

The Indians of Wikwemikong hold a pow wow on Civic Holiday weekend and everyone joins the dancing and festivities. Indians come from as far away as New Mexico to compete in the colorful, traditional dances. Corn soup and fried bread are two traditional foods that visitors can sample.

Hawewater weekend is also celebrated at the same time. It serves as a homecoming for those born on the island, as well as a tourist attraction. A carnival atmosphere pervails in Little Current with soft ball games, fishing derbies and live entertainment as the focus of attention. You can delight to the taste of homemade hawberry jam or jelly and the local dairy even makes hawberry ice cream; something you will never taste anywhere else. Hawberries are a type of blackberry and possibly a relative to blueberries. They grow wild all over the island. A hawwater is a person who was born on the island.

The Ojibwe Cultural Centre at West Bay offers the best in Indian crafts and art at fair prices. Daphne Odjig, one of Canada's best painters, comes from Wikwemikong and prints of her work are offered.

Manitoulin Island weather is moderated by Lake Huron and the island is known for crystal waters and clear blue skies. But the essence of the island is in its name, "Island of the Great Spirit."

Toothbrush exchange a success

The toothbrush exchange last Tuesday was the most successful to date. Hundreds of scruffy old toothbrushes were pitched in exchange for brand new soft-bristle Tek brushes.

Dental educators, Harriett Falk and Rita Ensinger occupied the main hall giving demonstrations on brushing and flossing and offering information and pamphlets on dental health care.

"April is dental health month and this is the third year we have visited Conestoga to help promote dental health awareness," said Falk. "At first we tried going to the shopping malls but at the colleges and universities we

reach the audience we don't usually interest."

The toothbrush exchange is the idea of the Waterloo Public Health Unit. It also visits 150 separate and public schools throughout the district giving

fluoride treatments and has recently introduced another idea to local dentists. Seventy-five of the dentists already approached have each agreed to give dental care to one child who cannot afford the cost.

Anti-cocaine video filmed

Dirk Kochler, first year broadcasting, is producing a music video which he hopes to enter in various competitions once he can get permission from Grand Master Flash to use its song.

The video, strong on the symbolic, features Doug Slack as a cocaine addict

hallucinating and having an encounter with Lucifer.

"It is really an anti-drug campaign," said Kochler. "It is showing that the drug is just one way the devil can assume control of individuals."

The video is being directed by Jordon Moar.

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Athletic awards presented

A dismal year of Conestoga athletics was capped off last Thursday with the presentation of the Doon Student Association's Athletic department awards.

Top awards for male and female athletes of the year went to Tony DaSilva and Shelly Wonch respectively.

DaSilva, a resident of Cambridge, was a member of both the varsity soccer and touch football teams. While playing for the soccer Condors, DaSilva was named to the Ontario College Athletic Association all-star team.

On top of his varsity achievement DaSilva, was actively involved in many intramural activities and was the commissioner of co-ed intramurals.

Wonch, from Brantford, was a member of the varsity volleyball, softball and basketball teams. In addition, she was named co-winner of the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award for volleyball. Wonch also participated in many intramural events.

Sharing the MVP award with Wonch on the winless volleyball squad was Jill Davis.

The men's basketball team, a team that did not live up to its pre-season aspirations and failed to make the playoffs, named Doug Schenck as its MVP.

The soccer Condors, similar to the cagers, suffered through a disappointing season and failed to qualify for post-season play. The MVP award went to Manny "Sanch" Maciel.

The men's volleyball team was not given much chance going into tournament play and lived up to this billing. Steve Mundy was named MVP.

The touch-football team which was winless in a four-team tournament named Kevin Doig as its MVP.

The varsity hockey team, while not making the playoffs, was a better team than its dismal record showed. Mike Hayes and Todd Hoffman received individual recognition by being selected to the O.C.A.A. all-star team. Hayes was also selected MVP.

The golfing player of the year was Mark Sloopka.

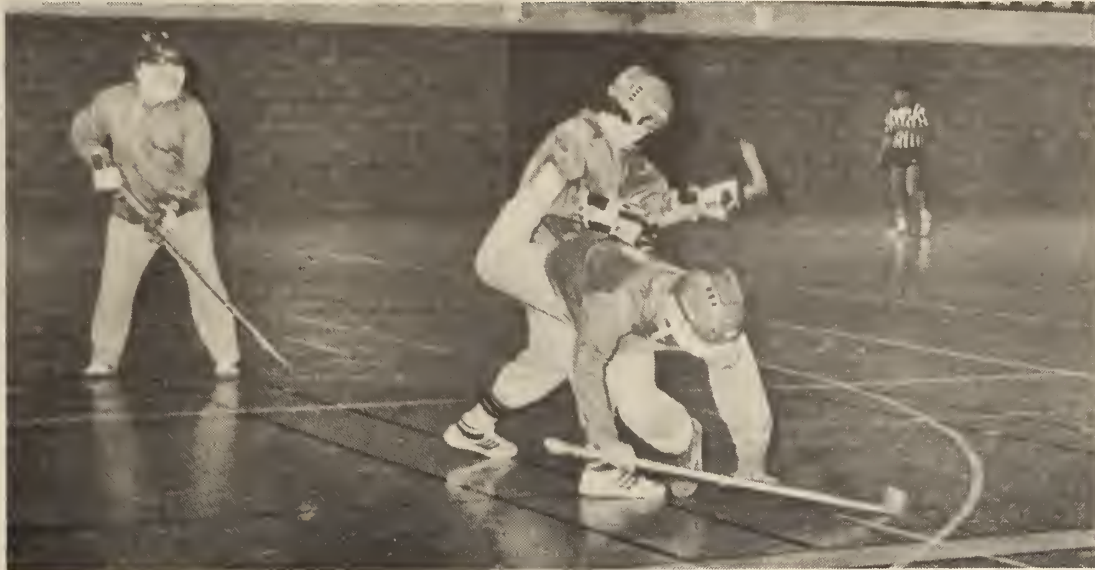
The women's basketball award went to Sue Cockburn.

Kathy McIntosh got the nod from the softball squad. The softball team put forth a solid effort all season.

MVP awards are presented to players who have been selected by their team mates for their outstanding contribution and leadership.

Smile

He was such an ardent lover the young man said, "Marry me or I'll die." She didn't marry him and 50 years later he died.



A player is tripped up in this years ball hockey tournament.

Neon Crabs Victorious

Bert Conte scored with half a minute left in the championship game of this year's intramural ball hockey tournament to give his Neon Crabs a 2-1 victory over the Canadians.

End to end action and hair raising saves by both goalies in the final game, played April 6, provided great excitement for the sparse crowd.

Fred Hemmstock scored early for the Neon Crabs which led the Canadians for most of the half-hour-long game.

The Canadians scored with

five minutes left in the game

The Neon Crabs wouldn't be denied the championship though, and the Canadians' goal only served to bring them out of their defensive shell.

The Canadians tried to maintain pressure after scoring, but, long cross court passes set up a scramble in front of the Canadian net which resulted in the second Crab goal.

Nine teams entered the tournament and were divided into two divisions. The top team

In the Red division, Neon Crabs and Labatt's Bruisers had 11 points, Rebels and Zoofers five, and Wood Peckers four.

The Candians and Crabs advanced to the finals because they had a better plus-minus record then Crim Crushers and Labatt's Bruisers.

In the blue division, Canadians and Crim Crushers finished with seven points, Tah Tah's six, and Bush Pigs four.

Championships resume play

After a six day delay, the action finally resumed in the Waterloo County Secondary School Athletic Association badminton championships last week at the Conestoga Centre.

The championships were not completed April 4 because of scheduling problems with the gymnasium.

Despite the difficulties with the tournament, spectators

were able to enjoy some great action. Grand River Collegiate Institute won the junior and overall titles while Kitchener Collegiate Institute won the senior overall title.

The winners in junior division were: singles boys - Dave Meijer; singles girls - Mary Jo Young; doubles boys - Saju Mathew and Craig Rendall; doubles girls - Shelley Dekker

and Kelly Mason; mixed doubles - Jennifer Schlosser and Jeff White.

The winners in the senior division were: singles girls - Anna Kobetich; singles boys - Rob Ayer; doubles boys - Grant Koehler and Neil Holman; doubles girls - Lynn Rendall and Jenny Seifert; and mixed doubles - Jacenta Briano and Fabio Coryaglio.



Neon Crab Slappers has been selected intramural team of the week April 2-6.

Crab Slappers was the winner of the men's ball hockey tournament held Friday, April 6. The team defeated first place finishers from the Red Division, Canadians, in the finals. The score was 2-1.

Members of the team are: Brendan McGrath, Tom Hebbes, Paul Runcini, Berto Conte, Fred Hemmstock, Barry Bayne, Paul Hill and Rob Wilcox.

Meanwhile, Gunners of the men's basketball league receives honorable mention for its performance against Offenders and Real Varsity. In the semifinals, Gunners defeated Offenders by a score of 40-8. The team then came up against Real Varsity in the final game and won by a score of 32-30.

Team members are Tom Ashwell, Ben Melick, Glen Lyons, John Sachs, Steve Garvatt and Bob Campagnola.

Team will travel

The men's varsity soccer team will be competing against other college and university teams when it tours New York state from April 27 to 29.

Geoff Johnstone, coach of the 24-member team said it will play Colgate University April 27, Oneonta State College April 28, and Hardwick University April 29.

He added that the team will tour the American Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta April 28.

Team members will help pay for their accommodations with a bottle raffle April 19 at noon in the cafeteria.

When asked about the team's chances for victory, Johnstone said it will be very tough because the team will be playing all division-one NCAA teams.

There will be team practices April 18 and 25 at the Conestoga Centre at 4:30 p.m.

The members of the varsity team are: Lou Ferfolja, Quintino Grasso, Eric Molnar, Zoran Knezevic, Randy Zivkovic, Brian Ford, Steve Little, Paul Silva, John Fernandes, Gary Smith, Mark Webb, Tony DaSilva, Tony Benham, Sergio Troncoso, Manny Magel, Steve Slack, Al Kissack, John Blaase, Nazio Gallo, Steve McNab, Thana Vuong, Jack Fernandes, Craig Wilson, and Rocky Vasco.

skating

David Courtemanche, an operations planning officer at the Doon campus has had plenty to talk about since he returned from the Canadian and North American Speedskating championships.

Courtemanche assisted the provincial coach, Ian Hennigar with the 15 member Ontario team at the championships held in Fredricton, New Brunswick and St. John's, Newfoundland. The competition was officially opened by Gaeten Boucher who won three medals for Canada at the 1984 Winter Olympics.

The skaters competed for a spot on the Canadian team while others attempted to dominate their own age classes. The skaters trying for the Canadian team skated 400 metre time trials and the top 18 men and the top 18 women in the trials competed for the team. Of these 18, four skaters were chosen for the Canadian team with one alternate member.

The Canadian team had no age barrier and because of this, a 14 year-old speedskater from British Columbia competed with 17 other skaters who were much older than she. Such an achievement for a youngster is very rare in the

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Courtemanche's bright future

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sport said Courtemanche.

As for the Ontario team, Courtemanche said "We were quite happy with the overall result because we had two female skaters, Lisa Sablatash and Chantal Cote who were in the top 18 for women, and one male skater Eion Leggatt, who was in the top 18 for men."

As the assistant coach, Courtemanche had many duties at both championships. He had to keep track of his skaters' times as well as those of their competitors, advise skaters on when to pass or increase their speed, and review the strategy for the skaters. He also had to chaperone the skaters for the one and a half weeks they were there.

Courtemanche, who is also a coach for the Kitchener-Waterloo Sertoma Speedskating Club, said he learned a great deal about coaching from his experiences at the championships. "I had the opportunity to discuss coaching tech-

niques, strategy, and training with the Canadian team coach, Jack Walters as well as other coaches from other provinces," he said.

Courtemanche said that the Ontario team skaters learned how to skate under pressure and improve their passing and approaching strategy. He added that his team was not aggressive enough at the championships but added that this was because they had no competition outside of Ontario during the regular season.

There were many highlights for Courtemanche on his trip to the Maritimes. "It was an opportunity to see the best skaters in the world compete," he said. Yet it was also an opportunity for him to meet the hospitable maritime people.

One evening, six people on the team were going to a hockey game and they decided to flag down a transit bus for transportation. The bus picked

them up even though they were not at the bus stop. Then it dropped them off at their hotel when the game was over.

One of the skaters was injured and needed to borrow a pair of crutches. But when he returned them, the attendant refused to charge the rental fee.

Courtemanche also enjoyed seeing the camaraderie between the skaters from the different provinces and the United States.

As for Canada's future in the sport, he said that at the moment Quebec dominates the field but that eastern and western Canada are closing the gap.

Ontario should also find success in the future especially if a \$3 million speedskating facility is built in the province.

On April 4, Reuben Baetz, Ontario Minister of Tourism and Recreation said that an outdoor speedskating track might eventually be built in Cambridge. Courtemanche said he was surprised by the announcement.

"An outdoor oval would enhance the skating program for southern Ontario skaters," he said. But plans to build an outdoor track at Conestoga College have all failed because of the problem of extreme changes in the area's temperatures.

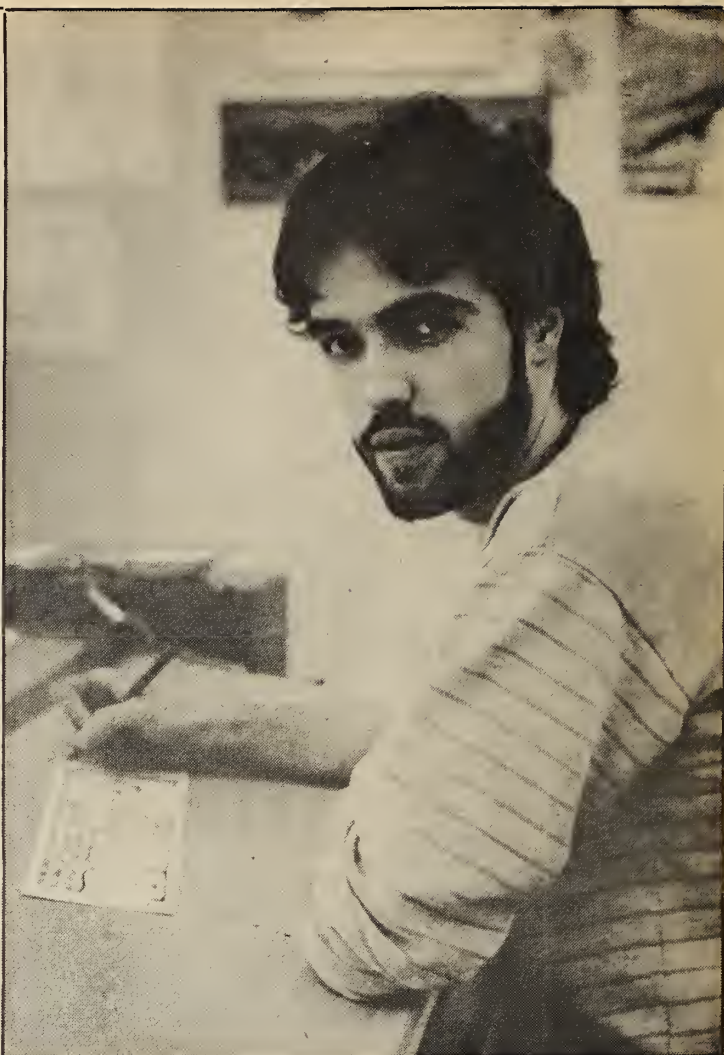
At the moment, Courtemanche is very optimistic about the Canadian speedskating program. He recalled the outstanding performance of Canadian speedskater, Syvie Daigle at the North America championships. She lapped all her competitors in the 1,500 metre race and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

"I've seen world class skaters," he said, "and now I know what our skaters need to be the best in Canada."

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Bill Bowman, puts the finishing touches on his comic strip.

Resident cartoonist

Cartooning is a hobby for Bill Bowman, something he does for enjoyment. Thanks to the second-year design graphics and advertising student, there's been a new boy on the Spoke block this winter. For the first time in Spoke's illustrious history, there was a regular, weekly comic strip in the paper. CHESTER made his debut in the January 16 issue and became a regular feature on the opinions page.

Bowman, 21, says Chester is a basic, average kind of guy, a little like Charlie Brown.

"Things never seem to go his way," says Bowman.

That's true. He's been faced with a hazardous hamburger, had lower than passable marks and has been punched by a good looking girl just for having spring fever. Not to mention his weird friends. Bowman says Chester is the central, stable character in the strip allowing his friends Mortimer and Brewster to be a little more on the crazy side.

Most of Bowman's ideas arose from personal experiences. The strip about the different flavors of beer involved his brother and Bowman was the kid who decided to pass at guessing his term mark.

Chester was Bowman's first comic strip, although he did a lot of doodling during high school, "mainly in English class". And he took a cartooning course earlier this year at the University of Guelph.

Bowman says cartooning will remain a hobby for him.

"It's very competitive. You must have really good ideas and put in a lot of hard work. Most cartoonists have their strips finished six months ahead of schedule," he said.

In the meantime, however, students like the comic strip.

Sonia Gojkovich, technology, said, "I think it's a good idea. It breaks the monotony of reading just straight news. It really makes the whole paper. It's cute."



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